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Senate Finance Committee
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Favorable Report of Senate Bill 213, "Child Care Articles and Toys Containing Bisphenol-A – Prohibition"

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is pleased to join with other conservation groups in urging your support of Senate Bill 213, "Child Care Articles and Toys Containing Bisphenol-A – Prohibition."

HB 213 will prohibit the manufacture, sale, and distribution of child care articles intended for children under the age of four and toys intended for children under the age of 13 that contain the chemical Bisphenol-A (BPA).

Research indicates that exposure to BPA during critical windows of a child's development may result in health problems during infancy and into adulthood as well. More than 200 scientific studies have found evidence that links very low doses of BPA to prostate and breast cancer, obesity, altered brain development, cardiac disease, diabetes, and early puberty.

Due to the overwhelming evidence that low and environmentally relevant doses of BPA have toxic effects; the Maryland League of Conservation Voters respectfully urges a favorable report of SB 213.

Sincerely,

Cindy Schwartz
Executive Director

For more than 25 years, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters has been the independent political voice for the environment in our state. Maryland LCV is dedicated to making environmental protection and restoration a top priority for Maryland's elected officials, appointed leaders, candidates and voters. The Maryland League of Conservation Voters advocates for sound conservation policies, works to get pro-environment candidates elected, and holds elected officials accountable for their votes and actions.

